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DEATH CALLS AN ESTIMABLE LADY

MRS. JOHN BLAIR ANSWERS SUMMONS AFTER MONTHS OF ILLNESS

Mrs. John Blair, wife of a substantial farmer residing near Groton, answered the Final Call and passed into the Great Beyond last Thursday evening, following a severe illness of several months. Mrs. Blair had been in poor health for the past year and about two months ago suffered a paralytic stroke. The first stroke was followed by others from which she could not rally, and the end came after a long gallant fight against great odds, although she was tendered every consideration that medical science could muster in the losing battle. Her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Rogers, herself a trained nurse, was at her bedside during the last few weeks of the struggle.

Mrs. Blair was born in Vermont county, Wis., January 28, 1858, where she grew into young womanhood. She was married to John Blair, April 7, 1888, and they immediately left for the great stretches of Dakota prairies to which place Mr. Blair had preceded his wife some years before, in 1881, taking up their residence on the homestead northeast of town, where they have since resided.

Together they faced the hardships of pioneer life and wrought from these fertile plains a golden harvest in the form of a happy home life, supplemented by an unswerving devotion to neighbors and friends which won her many warm and lasting admirers among the large circle in which she moved and was loved.

Together with hundreds of sorrowing friends, Mrs. Blair leaves to mourn her loss three children and her grief-stricken husband. The children are: William Blair, Mrs. H. L. Rogers, and Mrs. Wilber Rix, of Groton.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Hartt, of the Methodist church, and in charge of Undertaker Paetznick.

The remains were followed to their last resting place in Groton cemetery by a large concourse of friends.